THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) to (d) Since law and order is a State subject, implementation of POTA, 2002 is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. The details of cases registered, persons arrested, charge-sheets filed, cases withdrawn etc. under the POTA, 2002 in various States/UTs of the country are not centrally maintained in this Ministry.

Cases against journalist

4834. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government pursued its case against Kashmir Times Bureau Chief in New Delhi, Iftikhar Gilani despite the DGMI informing the Home Ministry that files found on the journalist's computer were "neither secrets nor a threat to national security";

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed for this; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) to (d) DGMI's second opinion dated 12.12.2002 was examined by the Central Government in consultation with concerned agencies including the Ministry of Law and found that this opinion was not relevant and tenable because the contents of the documents being the same were pre-judicial to the safety and security of the country and the question of public domain had already been examined before according sanction for prosecution.

However, the Central Government decided to withdraw the case on administrative grounds and in the public interest.

Promotion as per recommendations of Fifth Pay Commission

4835. DR. M.N. DAS : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2130 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11th December, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the process to fill up the 20 posts of DD (OL) upgraded as per recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission has been completed; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for which the persons against upgraded posts are not being promoted and by when the persons are likely to be promoted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) A proposal to fill up upgraded 20 post of Deputy Director (O.L) is under consideration of the U.P.S.C. and appointment against these posts will be made on receipt of recommendation from U.P.S.C.

Enlarging the role of CISF

4836. SHRI R.P. GOENKA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the charter of the Central Industrial Security Force is being recast to enlarge its role and functions to make it a key player in the internal security grid of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of some fresh assignments reportedly entrusted to the CISF recently; and

(d) the steps taken to modernise the CISF in terms of equipments and training needs to handle their additional responsibility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) and (b) The CISF has been constituted as an Armed Force of the Union under the CISF Act, 1968 and with the amendment carried out in 1999, new responsibilities of providing security to VIPs/VVIPs, security of Government Buildings, Domestic and International Airports and Disaster Management have been entrusted to the Force.

(c) CISF has recently been assigned the duties of security of the Indira Gandhi International Air Port and the Red Fort in Delhi. The Force has already taken over the security of the former. CISF Coys have been earmarked for security of the Red Fort.

(d) Following steps have been taken to modernize the CISF in terms of equipment and training needs to handle their additional responsibility:–

(i) Latest training aids and security gadgets have been installed in training institutions.

(ii) CISF personnel newly inducted at the Airports are given 5 day induction training programme.

(iii) Appropriate inputs on aviation security have been included in the basic and other in-service courses.

(iv) Special VIP security course for CISF personnel has been designed and introduced at RTC Deoli.